

NEBRASKA

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Absentee Voting Guide

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The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

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REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)	
1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (mark only one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY	
<input type="checkbox"/> (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY	
2. MY INFORMATION (Required)	
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)	
SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)	
b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)	
c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
d. RACE	
e. DATE OF BIRTH	
f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER	
h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)	
i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)	
j. EMAIL ADDRESS	
3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (For military, use legal residence. For overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.) (Required)	
a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)	
b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	
c. COUNTY	
d. STATE	
e. ZIP CODE	
4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS	
a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)	
b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (Complete 4.b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4.a.)	
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL	
5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):	
6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots — see instructions for Block 6 paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)	
7. AFFIRMATION (required)	
I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:	
1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and	
2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and	
3. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and	
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and	
5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and	
6. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.	
Signed: _____ Date: _____	
(Witness/Notary and address (if required)) _____ Date: _____	

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions on the following page. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

I. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FPCA

- A** If you are a married woman who has assumed her husband's surname, write your maiden name here.
- B** The last four digits of your Social Security number OR your Nebraska Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- C** Indicate your email address and a telephone number (including all country and local prefixes) where you can be reached.
- D** Provide the complete street address of your Nebraska voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Block 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.
- E** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- F** See Section II.E or III.E.
- G** **You must write the name of your political party affiliation** (Democrat, Republican, Nebraska, or Green (1st Congressional District only)) or write "none" in Block 5 of the FPCA. In Nebraska, Independents (non-partisan registrants) may vote the non-partisan ballot and may also vote in the partisan primary for U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate. An Independent voter may select one recognized party ballot for these two offices. They may not vote in other partisan races. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation, or you are registered as nonpartisan and want to vote in a partisan primary election, you must submit a completed FPCA which includes your new party preference to the local election official not later than the third Friday before the election.
- H** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming the information is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Nebraska and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are

defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You should send an FPCA to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter 2).

To register, send a completed FPCA to the County Clerk or Election Commissioner so that it arrives not later than 6:00 p.m. on the third Friday (18 days) before the election.

To register and request an absentee ballot and you do not have access to an FPCA, apply in writing for a state registration form and an absentee ballot. You must include your full name, your address in your county of legal voting residence (*not* where you live currently), type of election (primary/general), political party (Democrat, Republican, Nebraska, Green (1st Congressional District only) or Non-partisan) and you must sign the request. Submit this request early enough to request, receive, complete and return the state registration form to the County Clerk or Election Commissioner so that it arrives not later than 6:00 p.m. on the third Friday (18 days) before the election.

If your FPCA, written request or state registration form is received after 6:00 p.m. on the third Friday (18 days) before the election, it will be held until after the election. At that time, your documents will be processed, you will be registered, and a ballot will be issued to you for the next election.

If you are already registered and wish only to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA or written request to the County Clerk or Election Commissioner so that it arrives not later than the Wednesday (6 days) before the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the Election Commissioner's or County Clerk's office before the close of polls on election day.

Local election officials mail absentee ballots to persons outside the U.S. approximately 45 days before an election, and to persons within the U.S., 35 days before an election.

If you have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions in Section H below and Chapter 2, page 21.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Nebraska allows you to send the FPCA for registration and absentee ballot by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Nebraska allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax if you are outside the United States.
- Nebraska does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to Appendix B for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527

1-800-368-8683

(from U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands only)

International toll-free fax numbers
(See inside back cover)

F. Application for Ballot by Agent

Your spouse, parent, son, daughter or any other person acting as an agent on your behalf may apply for an absentee ballot for you.

G. Special Write-In Absentee Ballot

A state special write-in ballot is available if you are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S.

Use the FPCA to request this state special write-in ballot. In Block 6 of the FPCA, place one of the state special write-in labels from Section IV.I. If no labels are available, write in Block 6: "I am outside the territorial limits of the U.S. I request a special write-in absentee ballot." The state special write-in ballot is available 57 days before the election. Vote it by writing in the names of specific candidates.

H. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

Nebraska has expanded the use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), SF-186, for overseas voters. The instructions described in Chapter 2 of this *Guide* remain the same, except that Nebraska also allows eligible overseas voters to use the FWAB for all Federal, State and local elections.

Nebraska also allows the FWAB Declaration/Affirmation to be used as an application for registration if the person is otherwise eligible to vote in Nebraska.

If you receive the regular ballot after returning the FWAB, you may also vote and return the regular ballot. If both ballots are properly executed and received before the close of polls on election day, only the regular ballot will be counted.

Instructions continue in Section IV: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens and residents of Nebraska, or overseas electors. The term "overseas elector" means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Nebraska.

- residents of Nebraska temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons with felony convictions may not register and vote until after two years of having completed prison sentence or finishing terms of parole or probation.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Change of residence outside the county or state cancels registration. Re-registration is required. Change of name requires an update of information prior to voting but does not cancel registration.

C. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Nebraska shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

D. Action on Registration Requests

An acknowledgment of registration application status (whether accepted or rejected, and if rejected, reasons for rejection) is sent to the applicant.

E. Action If Registration Is Denied

If registration is denied, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

F. Late Registration

Any member of the Armed Forces, merchant marine or any civilian citizen who was discharged from overseas Federal service or employment too late to meet the regular state registration deadline, may register to vote by completing the necessary voter registration forms in the office of the

Election Commissioner or County Clerk of his or her county of voting residence by noon on the day before the election.

G. Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the U.S.

U.S. citizens of voting age who have never resided in the U.S. but have a parent who is eligible to vote in Nebraska, and have not registered to vote in any other state of the U.S., are eligible to register to vote in one county in which either of their parents claimed residence (for local, state and Federal office ballots). The citizen must include with the registration a signed form provided by the Nebraska Election Commissioner or County Clerk.

H. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Clerk**, (or where noted by an asterisk, to the **Election Commissioner**) in your county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	Adams County Clerk PO Box 2067 Hastings, NE	68902-2067
Antelope	Antelope County Clerk PO Box 26 Neligh, NE	68756-1424
Arthur	Arthur County Clerk PO Box 126 Arthur, NE	69121-0126
Banner	Banner County Clerk PO Box 67 Harrisburg, NE	69345-0067
Blaine	Blaine County Clerk PO Box 136 Brewster, NE	68821-0136
Boone	Boone County Clerk 222 South 4th Street Albion, NE	68620-1247
Box Butte	Box Butte County Clerk PO Box 678 Alliance, NE	69301-0678
Boyd	Boyd County Clerk PO Box 26 Butte, NE	68722-0028
Brown	Brown County Clerk 148 West 4th Street Ainsworth, NE	69210-1647
Buffalo*	Buffalo Election Commissioner PO Box 1270 Kearney, NE	68848-1270
Burt	Burt County Clerk PO Box 87 Tekamah, NE	68061-1096
Butler	Butler County Clerk PO Box 289 David City, NE	68632-0289
Cass*	Cass Election Commissioner 346 Main Street Plattsmouth, NE	68048-1957
Cedar	Cedar County Clerk PO Box 47 Hartington, NE	68739-0047
Chase	Chase County Clerk PO Box 1299 Imperial, NE	69033-1299
Cherry	Cherry County Clerk PO box 120 Valentine, NE	69201-0120

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Cheyenne	Cheyenne County Clerk PO Box 217 Sidney, NE	69162-0217
Clay	Clay County Clerk PO Box 67 Clay Center, NE	68933-1499
Colfax	Colfax County Clerk 411 East 11th Street Schuyler, NE	68661-1987
Cuming	Cuming County Clerk PO Box 290 West Point, NE	68788-0290
Custer	Custer County Clerk 431 South 10th Street Broken Bow, NE	68822-2099
Dakota	Dakota County Clerk PO Box 39 Dakota City, NE	68731-0038
Dawes	Dawes County Clerk 451 Main Street Chadron, NE	69337-2698
Dawson	Dawson County Clerk PO Box 370 Lexington, NE	68850-0370
Deuel	Deuel County Clerk PO Box 327 Chappell, NE	69129-0327
Dixon	Dixon County Clerk PO Box 546 Ponca, NE	68770-0546
Dodge	Dodge County Clerk 435 North Park Avenue Fremont, NE	68025-4967
Douglas*	Douglas Election Commissioner 225 North 115th Street Omaha, NE	68154
Dundy	Dundy County Clerk PO Box 506 Benkelman, NE	69021-0506
Fillmore	Fillmore County Clerk PO Box 307 Geneva, NE	69361-0307
Franklin	Franklin County Clerk PO Box 174 Franklin, NE	68939-0146
Frontier	Frontier County Clerk PO Box 40 Stockville, NE	69042-0040
Furnas	Furnas County Clerk PO Box 387 Beaver City, NE	68926-0387
Gage	Gage County Clerk PO Box 429 Beatrice, NE	68310-0429
Garden	Garden County Clerk PO Box 486 Oshkosh, NE	69154-0486
Garfield	Garfield County Clerk PO Box 218 Burwell, NE	68823-0218
Gosper	Gosper County Clerk PO Box 136 Elwood, NE	68937-0136
Grant	Grant County Clerk PO Box 139 Hyannis, NE	69350-0139
Greeley	Greeley County Clerk PO Box 287 Greeley, NE	68842-0287
Hall*	Hall Election Commissioner 121 South Pine Street Grand Island, NE	68801-6099
Hamilton	Hamilton County Clerk 1111 13th Street, Suite 1 Aurora, NE	68818-2017
Harlan	Harlan County Clerk PO box 698 Alma, NE	68920-0379

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Hayes	Hayes County Clerk PO Box 370 Hayes Center, NE	69032-0370
Hitchcock	Hitchcock County Clerk PO Box 248 Trenton, NE	69044-0248
Holt	Holt County Clerk PO Box 329 O'Neil, NE	68763-0329
Hooker	Hooker County Clerk PO Box 184 Mullen, NE	69152-0184
Howard	Howard County Clerk PO Box 25 Saint Paul, NE	68873-0025
Jefferson	Jefferson County Clerk 411 4th Street Fairbury, NE	68352-2536
Johnson	Johnson County Clerk PO Box 416 Tecumseh, NE	68450-0416
Kearney	Kearney County Clerk PO Box 339 Minden, NE	68959-0339
Keith	Keith County Clerk PO Box 149 Ogallala, NE	69153-0149
Keya Paha	Keya Paha County Clerk PO Box 349 Springview, NE	68778-0349
Kimball	Kimball County Clerk 114 East 3rd St. Kimball, NE	69145-1296
Knox	Knox County Clerk PO Box 166 Center, NE	68724-0166
Lancaster*	Lancaster Election Commissioner 601 North 46th Steet Lincoln, NE	68503-3720
Lincoln	Lincoln County Clerk 301 N. Jeffers, Room 101 North Platte, NE	69101-3997
Logan	Logan County Clerk PO Box 8 Stapleton, NE	69163-0008
Loup	Loup County Clerk PO Box 187 Taylor, NE	68879-0187
McPherson	McPherson County Clerk PO Box 122 Tryon, NE	69167-0122
Madison	Madison County Clerk PO Box 290 Madison, NE	68748-0290
Merrick	Merrick County Clerk PO Box 27 Central City, NE	68826-0027
Morrill	Morrill County Clerk PO Box 610 Bridgeport, NE	69336-0610
Nance	Nance County Clerk PO Box 338 Fullerton, NE	68638-0338
Nemaha	Nemaha County Clerk 1824 N Street Auburn, NE	68305-2399
Nuckolls	Nuckolls County Clerk PO Box 366 Nelson, NE	68961-0366
Otoe	Otoe County Clerk PO Box 249 Nebraska City, NE	68410-0249

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Pawnee	Pawnee County Clerk PO Box 431 Pawnee City, NE	68420-0431
Perkins	Perkins County Clerk PO Box 156 Grant, NE	69140-0156
Phelps	Phelps County Clerk PO Box 404 Holdrege, NE	68949-0404
Pierce	Pierce County Clerk 111 W. Court Room 1 Pierce, NE	68767-0218
Platte*	Platte Election Commissioner 2610 14th Street Columbus, NE	68602
Polk	Polk County Clerk PO Box 276 Osceola, NE	68651-0276
Red Willow	Red Willow County Clerk 502 Norris Avenue McCook, NE	69001-3159
Richardson	Richardson County Clerk 1700 Stone Street Falls City, NE	68355-2091
Rock	Rock County Clerk PO Box 367 Bassett, NE	68714-0367
Saline	Saline County Clerk PO Box 865 Wilber, NE	68465-0865
Sarpy*	Sarpy Election Commissioner 1261 Golden Gate Drive, Suite 6E Papillion, NE	68046-2845
Saunders	Saunders County Clerk PO Box 61 Wahoo, NE	68066-0061
Scotts Bluff	Scotts Bluff County Clerk 1825 10th Street Gering, NE	69341-2487
Seward	Seward County Clerk PO Box 196 Seward, NE	68434-0190
Sheridan	Sheridan County Clerk PO Box 39 Rushville, NE	69360-0039
Sherman	Sherman County Clerk PO Box 456 Loup City, NE	68853-0456
Sioux	Sioux County Clerk PO Box 158 Harrison, NE	69346-0158
Stanton	Stanton County Clerk PO Box 347 Stanton, NE	68779-0347
Thayer	Thayer County Clerk PO Box 208 Hebron, NE	68370-0208
Thomas	Thomas County Clerk PO Box 226 Thedford, NE	69166-0226
Thurston	Thurston County Clerk PO Box G Pender, NE	68047-0138
Valley	Valley County Clerk 125 South 15th Street Ord, NE	68862-1499
Washington	Blair County Clerk PO Box 466 Blair, NE	68008-0466
Wayne	Wayne County Clerk PO Box 248 Wayne, NE	68787-0248

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Webster	Webster County Clerk PO Box 250 Red Cloud, NE	68970-2399
Wheeler	Wheeler County Clerk PO Box 127 Bartlett, NE	68622-0127
York	York County Clerk 510 Lincoln Avenue York, NE	68467-2997
*Mail to the Election Commissioner .		

Let Freedom Ring, Let Democracy Sing!

by Terri L. Salmon

If needed, place one of the following stick-on labels in Block 6 of the FPCA:

"I am outside the territorial limits of the United States. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

"I am outside the territorial limits of the United States. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

